I have already heard of the very real and urgent need for marine police at Alleppey as thefts between ships and pier are becoming increasingly common and measures are being considered to put a stop to it.

I understand that the Administrative Board has under consideration the question of a women and children's hospital at Alleppey and I must await these proposals before I can say anything definite in the matter.

As to the question of a dispensary at Chunkam there seem to be two opinions. You seem to think that the best locality is Chunkam. On the other hand the previous Darbar Physician and the Administrative Board consider that Mullakkal is the most suitable site. This will be taken up in connection with the next year's programme of dispensaries.

127. Needs of the Changanachery town.

MR. K. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Changanachery*) spoke on the following needs of Changanachery:

The Poovakkatu *chira* should be improved. The same subject was taken up for representation at several former sessions of the Assembly; but it was not sanctioned yet. There was a first grade college situated very near this *chira* as also three High Schools and three training schools. The rising importance of the Changanachery market also necessitated the improvement of this chira.

The Avanithodu and the Kakkanthodu should be widened and deepened. These canals, if improved, could be made to meet at the Kottayam—Vazhur junction. This would facilitate the transport of the hill produce of the eastern taluks to the Changanachery market.

The Kuttapuzha canal and the Chalakal canal should be opened. The opening of the Kuttapuzha canal would prevent the crops in the Kaviyur, Kallaoopara and other pakuthies in the eastbeing submerged under water in the rainy season and it would also improve the cultivation of the *punja* lands in the western pakuthies of the Changanachery taluk. The Chalakal canal had already been opened except for a furlong. The completion of this canal would make the *Punja* land in the north of the Changanachery taluk more fertile and it would also facilitate water communication in the eastern parts of the taluk.

The Travellers' Bangalow at Changanachery should be shifted to a more suitable site.

The Munsiff-Magistrate's Court should be shifted to the taluk office building, and the Village Panchayat Court and the Municipal office should be shifted to the building in which the Munsiff-Magistrate's Court was held.

All liquor shops should be removed from the limits of the Municipality.

The Municipality should be permitted to open toll-gates within the municipal limits. Those vehicles at least which arrived at Changanachery without paying tolls at any other place should be required to pay toll there.

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DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, an estimate for Rs. 4,760 has been sanctioned, as you know, for the improvement of the Peovakattu chira, and you have just handed over to me a letter from the Municipality stating that they accept the condition that they should meet half the cost. Instructions will be issued to the Chief Engineer to proceed with the work.

In regard to the deepening of the two *todus*, Avanitodu and Kakkantodu, it is entirely for the municipality to do.

I need not repeat what I said in regard to the Kuttapuzha canal.

As for the travellers' bungalow, orders are being given to the Chief Engineer for a plan and estimate for a new bungalow. The idea was to sell the existing site of the T. B. by public auction, but since the Municipality is now pressing that the site should be kept as an open space I shall have the question of the site being transferred to the municipality re-examined.

The Munsiff-Magistrate's Court has been located in the old Cutcherry building and the Bench Magistrate's Court has been already shifted from the Cutcherry building.

In regard to the removal of liquor shops, it rests with the Municipality to make the election.

I am afraid I cannot agree to the establishment of any more municipal toll-gates in the locality.

The Assembly rose for the day at about 5 P. M.

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